

Cherry Hill Advisory Committee

Fiscal Year 2002

Cherry Hill Golf Course continued this year as a valuable community outdoor recreation resource in a beautiful, scenic setting. FY 02 was the first fiscal year with the new clubhouse and irrigation system in place. The course is now in excellent condition and has been receiving rave reviews from golfers. Family and youth memberships have increased, the women's league has expanded, and the course again hosted the Special Olympics and Massachusetts Junior Golf Association qualifying rounds.

The president of the Massachusetts Special Olympics wrote that Cherry Hill "is ideal for our athletes, many of whom have made tremendous progress in their skill development. [Golf course manager] Dan Engstrom should be congratulated and commended not only for managing an outstanding venue for [Cherry Hill's] regular patrons but for opening the facility to our athletes and making them feel as welcome as any other golfers." Others have echoed those sentiments, and for good reason Cherry Hill has many loyal supporters.

Because golf revenues have been insufficient to cover operating budget and debt payments, the Town has set up a financial review task force to analyze Cherry Hill's operations and recommend financial and operational improvements for the future. The Cherry Hill Advisory Committee, ably chaired by Craig Meadows, looks forward to an improved financial picture and years of successful operations at Cherry Hill.